THE GRAND

News From the Departments---New Posts, etc.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT. Preparations for the Twenty-Sixth Annual

Meeting of the G.A.R. E. H. Sawyer, Secretary, St. Louis, Mo.: I wish to say a few words to the First Brigade, First Division, Ninth Corps. It is learned with much regret at the office of the Brigade Association, that Gen. O. B. Willeox has been ordered by his physician to go abroad in pursuit of health. His probable absence on the Continent of Europe at the time fixed for the Reunion and banquet of the association, necessitates the postponement of the banquet, which was to have been given our beloved Division Commander by his old comrades during the National Eucampment, G.A.R., in Washington, D. C. Arrangements having been made for the several corps Headquarters in Washington during the Encampment, the Headquarters of the First Brigade will be established on the grounds occu-pled by the Ninth Corps. "Let us rally 'round the flag, boys, rally once again!" Remember James Island, Bull Run, Antietam, Jackson, Knoxville, the Wilderness to the finish.
Sedgwick Post, I. Norwich, Conn., Warren Lee

Goss Commander, has engaged quarters corner Fifth and D streets, near Pension Office, for 225 men. Lafayette Post, 140, New York City, have secured quarters at the Elsmere Hotel in Washington for 200. The band (Cappa's) will be quartered at Perreaud's, on Fourteenth street. Commander Theo-dore L. Poole has appointed Gen. Daniel McCau-ley, of the Treasury Department, and Col. Frank Jones, of the War Department, both comrades of the Post, as Special Aids, to act on the staff in September. Lafayette Post is now the largest in the Department, having over 600 members.

Rankin Post, 10, as the earliest representative of the G.A.R. in Brooklyn, N. Y., proposes to be in line with its Drum, Fife and Bugle Corps; and in order to give every opportunity to comrades and friends accompanying them to visit as many points of interest as possible, has arranged to leave Brooklyn on Sunday, Sept. 18, at noon, from their Post-room, by special train for the Post, over the Pennsylvania Railroad, via Brooklyn Annex, reaching Washington in the early evening, thus securing a good night's rest, preparatory to viewing objects of importance on Monday, and of joining in the parade on Tuesday. Quarters have been secured for the Post in the Force School building, on Massachu-setts avenue, between 17th and 18th streets, and fully 200 men will be accommodated. The sleeping arrangements will be, for each man, an upholstered spring cot, with pillow attached, and one pair single gray blankets; and the building and cots are at the comrades' disposal for the entire week, or until such day in the week as the Post shall surrender them.

Positions in the G.A.R. Parade.

ALBANY, July 11 .- John Palmer, Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R., said in an interview: "I have requests from G.A.R. and other organizations to assign them places in the line of the procession in Washington during the National Encampment. It should be understood that the line is formed according to the seniority of the State Departments, and the Commanders of these Departments have the authority to make assignments within their respective Departments."-J. K.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Merriam Post, 8, Meriden, has arranged a delightful excursion to Gettysburg, Antietam, Pen-Mar, Harper's Ferry, and Washington, to leave Meriden on Friday, Sept. 16, arriving at Gettys-burg the same evening. The Post will wear the white hat, for which they are noted, and will, it is understood, be accompanied by the Meriden Military Band, also J. E. Bowen, Bugler. Several ladies are already booked, as well as many gentle-men prominent in this community. The party will be limited to about 300, and ample accommo dations are provided for all up to Washington. Tickets can be had at the depot office the day before leaving, for all who register with the committee, at the exceedingly low price of \$10.25 for the round trip, good for 30 days, and to return on any trains of the B. & O. Railroad, also to stop over at Antietam, Baltimore, or Philadelphia for any who may desire to do so. The party will remain at Gettysburg Saturday and Sunday, and will be escorted over the field by Capt. Long, the well-known guide and lecturer. Carriages have also been provided, and tickets for this can be had of the committee en route at \$1.25 each, good for

IDAHO .-McPherson Post, 3, Lembi Agency-Com., Z. B. Yemian; S. V. C., Charles Martin; J. V. C., Jack Leopold; Chap., W. H. Andrews; Adj., J. P. Elder; Surg., George Martin; Q. M., W. H. Andrews; O. D., Is. Johnson; O. G., W. Briant; S. M., Bill Andrews; Q. M. S., Thomas Andrews.

Shriver Post 117, Bentonsport-Com., George W. Meredith; S. V. C., David R. Hornbaker; J. V. C., James Burns; Surg., R. L. Boon; Chap., Aaron Hilliard; Q. M., William I. Bragg; O. D., Volney Henry; O. G., Mahlon Doan. MAINE .-

B. H. Beale Post, 12. Bangor-Com., Wm. H. Thompson; S. V. C., F. S. Cummings; J. V. C., J. S. Bartlett; O. D., Wm. F. Emerson; Adj., R. A. Webster; Q. M., Warren D. Jordan; Surg., E. A. Hinks; Chap., Daniel Holman; O. G., A. P. Saunders; S. M., Wm. Earl; Q. M. S., Wm. Patterson; Musician, J. C. Collins. MASSACHUSETTS .-

Baxter Post, 51, Springfield—Com., C. W. Lynn; S. V. C., Lat. Edwards; J. V. C., John C. Smith; Adj., B. F. Hamilton; Q. M., A. J. Miller; Chap., M. G. Sargent; Surg., J. C. Rutherford; O. D., S. Moranville; O. G., J. F. Heath; Out, G., M. Glover;

Color-Bearer, Calvin Wilson.

The many inquiries received at Department | O. G., John Turnbull; Adj't, Thomas Peck. Headquarters relative to the 26th National Encampment has necessitated the issuance of a circular, that with such information as is in the posses sion of the Department Commander the comrades in the Department may be advised. The Encampment week commences on Monday Sept. 19. The parade is on Tuesday, the 20th. The first business session of the Encampment will be called to order on Wednesday, the 21st.

The Department Commander, with so many of evening, Sept. 17, on a special train of day and sleeping coaches via Toledo and the Pennsylvania ad, running through Pittsburg, where breakfast may be had; thence through Altoona, Harrisburg and Baltimore to Washington, D. C., which point it is hoped to reach about 8 p. m., Sept. 18. Arrangements have been made for providing hot tea and coffee, sandwiches, fruit and cigars, from a car to be connected with this train, and to continue with the day-coach section through to Washington, D. C. By contract entered into, as a protection against exorbitant charges, the charges for lunches will be about one-half those made at railroad

The rate of fare on all railroads has been established at \$11.50 from Toledo to Washington and re-The railroads in Michigan have adopted a rate of one cent per mile each way for the round trip, which, added to the rate from Toledo, gives the through rate from all points. It is hoped that the various roads in Michigan will sell tickets upon the route chosen by the Department Commander, and by all other routes. Sleeping cars have been contracted for to ac-

company the Headquarters' train (a limited numthrough is \$7; per berth, \$3.50. When desired, two persons can occupy one berth. Engagements for sleeping-car privileges should be made at once. Department Headquarters will be at the Arlingand the comrades of the G.A.R. and their friends will be always welcome.

Staniey Post, 282, Carrollton-Com., Lewis Blakely; S. V. C., John T. Warner; J. V. C., C. C. Davis; O. D., M. Cooper; O. G., W. S. Brown; Davis; O. D., M. Cooper; O. G., W. S. Brown; Chap., H. B. Carey; Surg., R. B. Ault; Q. M., W. H. Booth; Adj't, J. L. Turner.
W. S. Thomas Post, 202, Muscle Fork—Com., J. D. Bush; S. V. C., S. S. Kelso; J. V. C., F. B. Kyes; Q. M., J. C. Towns; O. D., J. W. Davis; Chap., J. A. Waggoner; Adj't, J. W. Wilkerson. Difani Post, 273, Perryville-Com., Henry Mark-wort; S. V. C., John Dervein; J. V. C., R. D. Red; Q. M., Jules Panier; O. D., John Ditrich; O. G.,

Albert King; Adj't, Thomas Hooss.

Serg't B. H. Porch Post, 135, Olean-Com., Allen for country there, to put up a Memorial shaft in B. Porch; S. V. C., J. C. Walker; J. V. C., Isaac | their honor. Large; Q. M., Benj. D. Rourk; O. D., Wm. P. Gilleland; Chap., David B. Taylor; O. G., Wm.

NEW YORK .-

a recent General Order, says: "It is well known that our State has not been fully represented at any of the previous Encampments. Now the opportu-nity presents itself at the Capital of the Nation that we saved, to make a display of the strength of the Grand Army of the Department of New York that every New York soldier and citizen will be proud of. In order to do this there must be organization and hard work, with the determination on the part of all that New York now, as in 1861, will send more men to Washington than any other State. The Commanders of all Posts that intend to take in this parade will report to Assistant Adjutant-General W. A. Wallace, giving the probable number of comrades they will have in line, and the location of their quarters in Washington. As there are a large number of small Posts that cannot take part in this review as a body, and as these Posts have many comrades who would like to form a portion of this grand column, such comrades are hereby authorized (with the consent of their Post Commander) to attach themselves to any Post of their respective Counties (or neighboring Counties, if no Post from their County takes part in the parade), such permission being granted for this occasion only. Comrades who under this order march with Posts other than their own will conform their uniform in all respects to the Post that receives them. Commanders of Post- are directed to hold frequent meetings for drills. Comrades must recollect that, in the 30

forgotten many details of a soldier's life, and among others how to march, wheel and keep step properly. New York Department must present a soldierly appearance in the parade. The column will be formed 12 files front, and will march at half distance. Commanders should see that their Posts

few movements required."

All the railroads in the State have made concessions in the matter of rates for the coming Na-tional Encampment except the Long Island Rail-road. Department Commander Maj. Poole has labored with the authorities of this road without avail. This road has no competition, and while it gives favorable terms to commuters who travel constantly, it charges the transient traveler three cents per mile, and comrades from the eastern part of the Island-at Sag Harbor and at Greenport-where there are large Posts, will have to pay almost as much to get to New York City, about 90 Miles, and return, as the round trip from New York to Washington will amount to. The baby Post, 657, New York, made their first

flag presentation the other evening. The Post as-sembled at the "L" station, Third avenue and 116th street, at 8 o'clock, and marched to the school of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in 115th street, where, after other exercises of the school, they formed on the stage and Col. John Mulligan, of Post 77, in behalf of Post 657, presented the flag to the cadets of the school. Father Carmody accepted the flag in the name of the cadets, and promised that it should be well guarded and held as an incentive to patriotism by the members of the class. Capt. Kelly, of Post 657, recited some original and appropriate verses.

OHIO.-

Madison Hammel, M. D., Circleville: In my article published in an issue of October last, I promised you to write again when Grace Post had moved into its permanent home within our Memorial Hall building. The hall is situated on the corner of East Main and Pickaway streets, near the center of population of the city; \$10,000 of the ney used in the construction of this building was raised by taxation by a vote of the citizens of the County 12 or 15 years ago for a monument, the result of a monumental association-an organization of old soldiers of Pickaway County, formed shortly after the war, but now a defunct organiza-tion, except nominally to look after this money. Several bills were passed by the Legislature by the efforts of our Representative, A. R. Van Cleaf, post-poning from time to time its use, and finally its object, after Grace Post had erected our soldiers' monument in Forest Cemetery in 1889. Prior to this, however, a vote was had throughout the County to raise \$25,000, and build a County Memorial building; but this was defeated by the County vote, the town voting almost solid for it. Then in the Fall of 1889 the citizens of Circleville voted almost unanimously to raise the \$25,000, and with the \$10,000 on hand erect a Memorial Hall building. and include in this rooms for the city library, and also an armory and drill-rooms for the National Guard of this city, and in this should be a Memorial room, in which all old soldier organizations of the County could meet without expense, and in addition to this the public generally might meet in a large ball of their own, and called Assembly Hall. Another incentive to the citizens of this city to vote the \$25,000 was the fact that Dr. M. Brown, deceased, left a clause in his will donating \$10,000 of his estate to the public library of this city whenever they provided a safe place for said library. This we now have, and in time this money will be available. We have a large public library, and have had for 20 years, and are adding to it each year as funds permit. In the third story is our dining-hall and kitchen, with gas and water for cooking. We have connected with our Memorial or Post-room a relicroom, which will be open to the public and yet well guarded, and if any comrade or other person has any article of historic value concerning the late war, whether Union or Confederate, and will donate it to us, giving name and rank of donor, it will be inscribed and preserved in this room. Further, I would obligate myself on behalf of Grace

M. M. Murphy, Commander, Mount Vernon: It having been said that the G.A.R. had reached high water mark, that no gain in membership could be hoped for, I send you our balance-sheet for first half of 1892. No one man of the number reported is being carried; all are in good standing. State-ment: Number reported in good standing Dec. 31, 1891, 135. Gain: By error in last report, 3; by muster, 34: by reinstatement, 28; by transfer, 7—total gain, 72. Aggregate, 207. Loss: By death, 3—total loss, 3. In good standing this date, 204. Spangler Post, 99, Bellaire—Com., A. Haas; S. V. C., J. W. Marrell; J. V. C., T. Tompson; Q. M., G. T. Harper: O. D., H. Satterthwat; Chap., T. McClellan; Adj't. A. Porterfield; O. G., D. W. Jones; S. M., S. S. McGowen; Q. M. S., W. Tomp-

John Falk Post, 745, Mt. Cory-Com., Sylvester Davis; S. V. C., Henry George; J. V. C., Isaac Laning; Chap., Jacob Zeller; O. D., Silvanus Falk; Surg., Charles George; Q. M., Orlan Vickers; Adj't, Leonard B. Ward; O. G., George Troxel; Ass't Q. M., Jacob Kerns.

TENNESSEE .-Lookout Post, 2, Chattanooga—Com., J. B. Wool-son; S. V. C., E. S. Nixon; J. V. C., S. I. Adams; Q. M., I. L. Gleaves; Surg., L. G. Crawford; Chap., Thos. Giffee: O. D., C. W. Andrews: O. G., A. J. Park; I. S., R. S. Smith; O. S., J. D. Fisher; Adj't, H. B. Case; S. M., A. J. Gahagan; Q. M. S., Cole-

WISCONSIN .-E. B. Wolcott Post, 1, Milwaukee, was organized Jan. 14, 1880, and has mustered 412 soldiers and sailors. Its present membership is 337. Twentyone States are represented by regiments, batteries, or boats. Nearly every regiment and battery organized in Wisconsin during the war-58 in number-is represented in the Post. Thirty-five New York and 23 Illinois regiments are represented. Of the present membership 250 are native Americans, 33 natives of Germany, 12 of England, nine of Ireland, 10 of Canada, two of Holland, two of Denmark, one of Mexico, three of Norway, one of Poland, five of Scotland, two of Sweden, one of Wales. All the great battles of the war had participants who are members of this Post. Forty members of this Post served in the 24th Wis. Its place of meeting is, without doubt, the finest Posthall in the West.

A. D. Hamilton Post, 60, Milton-Com., R. W. Tanner; S. V. C., James H. Bullis; J. V. C., S. H. Baker; Q. M., W. P. Clarke; Surg., E. F. Weiglef; O. D., A. S. Bullis; O. G., A. O. Gifford, jr.: Chap., O. A. Fridell; Q. M.-S., Alf D. Burdick; S.-M., J. E, Davidson; Adj't, C. W. Green. McKenzie Post, 111, St. Crciv Falls-Com., F. B. Dorothy; S. V. C., E. H. Hocver; J. V. C., W. J. Slavey; Q. M., J. B. Churchill; Surg., George Booth; Chap., Cyrus Emery; O. D., J. B. Towers;

FROM THE BAY STATE. Doings of Interest to Veterans and Their Friends.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Any old soldier who is thinking of renewing his acquaintance the comrades and their friends as may see fit to ac-bompany him, will leave Ann Arbor Saturday standing which he helped to construct, cannot move too soon. The New South is awakening. The New South has no great love for the monuments of the war. They are entirely too suggestive, and while in remote sections they may yet stand for years numolested save by the tooth of time, in others the wheels of progress are crushing them from sight.

Less than three years ago I rode out from Rich mond over the Mechanicsville road between two great forts in the cordon erected to defend that much-wanted city. They seemed as perfect as in war time. A few weeks ago I traversed the same highway, but not a trace of either fort remained, and the heavy outer line farther on crowning the bluff which overlooks the swamps of the Chicks hominy will ere long succumb to the boom in rea estate which is moving thitherward. The story is the same before Petersburg. Fort Mahone, alias ence for years, having been plowed down long their lines to the junction points connecting with | since. The curious may find its location by the different color of the soil. Fort Morton, opposite the crater, shared the same fate a few years ago, as did Batteries 14th and 15th, and the curtain connecting them with Morton; and the enterprising farmer who owns this land was plowing down lines to the rear of this during my visit there in

The same is true at Chattanooga. The immense | a favorable report upon this bill. lines which made Thomas safe there until reinton Hotel. Books for registration will be opened, forced have been quite generally swept away by women who to-day are a charge the rapid expansion of that thriving city. Hence | upon the money, upon the time, upon the means of I repeat to the veterans that they cannot go too | the Woman's Relief Corps, of which you all know soon to their old haunts if they intend to go at all. | so well. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are Dr. J. W. Stone, of Atlanta, Ga., is on here soliciting funds to wipe out the debt incurred for the of helping these women; and would it not be a purchase of Andersonville Prison grounds by the good thing, a right thing, by all means a proper Department of Georgia. He explains that the De- thing, for this Congress, when these noble women, partment proposes to turn the property over to the Grand Army at the National Encampment, The Doctor comes properly secredited from his Depart- old days, would it not be a splendid offering, and ment, and I judge is having fair success. Of course the Order will accept the gift. It would be ungracious not to do so; but, like Grant's Cottage, it will be another elephant on its hands. My own conviction is clear that the National Government should make a National Memorial Park of it, inviting the States whose soldiers died or suffered

Another veteran, Comrade G. W. Bryant, of Missouri, is also in this vicinity raising funds to Roberts; Surg. A. J. Bridges; Adj't, David; D. G., Wm. level of M.-S. Thomas D. Sheiter, S. M. William been Senter Vice Control of the ley; Q. M.-S., Thomas D. Sheiton; S.-M., William been Senior Vice-Commander of the Department of Tennessee, but a letter received from the Assistant Adjutant-General of that Department denies the statement. He also says that he was at one Theodore L. Poole, Department Commander, in time Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives. This, Congressman W. C. Oates, of that State, denies. It would seem wise in the light of these contradictory statements for Posts to go slow in making subscriptions to his appeal, at least un-

til he shows satisfactory credentials.

Woburn will celebrate its 250th anniversary in October, and Posts 33 and 161 are to have a conspicuous place on the program. Post 2, of South Boston, will give an Old Folks' concert in the People's Church, Boston, Sept. 7, to swell the Encampment fund. Post 5 picnicked at Centennial Grove, July 5.

Returns thus far received at Department Headquarters show a gain in membership for the first half of the year. Canton is to have a Relief Corps, an application bearing 22 names having been received at Headquarters. Bourne is also moving in the same di-July 4, the town of Brookline, which boasts a cannon, used it to fire a salute of 44 guns. It goes

without saying that Willard Y. Gross, an old-time cannoneer in Sleeper's battery, where he was a No. 5 man, presided. Fietcher Webster Post, 13, of Brockton, has made preparations on a grand scale for the observance of its silver anniversary, the 13th. The program covers afternoon and evening .- B., Boston.

Characteristics of Hood's Sarsaparilla: The Years which have gone by since the war, we have | largest Sale, the most Merit, the greatest Cures.

and attached recruits are properly instructed in the Gleanings from National Headquarters---Notes from the Departments.

> SUE PIKE SANDERS, National President. ELLA REEL COBEAN, National Secretary. To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of

their heroic dead. To assist such Union veterans as need our help ad protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans; to find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends; to cherish and emulate the deeds of our Army Nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communi-

ties in which we live: to maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty and to encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights Women of good moral character and correct deportment, who have not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the Union, who would perpetuate the principles to which this association stands pledged, and who have attained the age of 16 years, shall be eligible to membership in the Woman's

OUR ARMY NURSES.

Relief Corps.

Tributes of the Blue and the Gray-The \$12 Bill in the House. By special privilege, the Committee on Invalid Pensions was given the floor in the House of Representatives. June 28. They gave the Army Nurse

bill the preference, and it was considered carefully and adopted by the Committee of the Whole, and its passage recommended to the House, by a vote of 135 ayes to 24 noes. Hon. A. N. Martin, Chairman of the Committee, an Indiana veteran, presented the bill, with the favorable report of the Committee, and in the course of the discussion which followed, paid a handsome tribute to the women of the hospitals

larity of the measure in a similar tribute to woman's unselfish devotion. The bill, reports and comments are as follows:

ARMY NURSE BILL. Be it enacted, etc., That every woman who served as an army nurse in the actual personal care and nursing of the sick and wounded during the civil war, either in field or general hospitals of the United States, and who continued in such care and nursing of the sick and wounded not less than six months, and who are without other adequate means of support than their own daily labor, shall, upon making due proof of the fact, according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the pension-roll of the United States and be entitled to receive \$12 per month; and such pension shall commence from the date of filing the application in the Pension Office after the passage of this act: Provided, That any pension granted under any former law to any applicant under this act shall terminate from the date of commencement of the pension under this act: Provided further, That no person now receiving a pension as army nurse under any special Post to pay all necessary express charges if notified act shall be entitled to receive a pension under this

> REPORT OF PENSION COMMITTEE. The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7294) granting pensions to Army Nurses, submit the following report: From the best authorities attainable, it is ascertained that the number of persons who would become beneficiaries under this bill would not probably exceed 300, if, indeed, it would reach that

The Association of Army Nurses, with Head-quarters at Washington, D. C., and the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States, have both been engaged, during the past two years, in conducting a thorough correspondence throughout the entire country, with a view to secure a complete list of such women as served as Army Nurses during the civil war.

While their lists do not absolutely harmonize, there is sufficient in their statements, when compared, to show that together they have secured the names and addresses of approximately the entire number of such nurses, and such cor: spondence does not secure a list even as large as that stated, 300, who could possibly become beneficiaries under

This small band of noble women are the sole renaining representatives of a class of patriotic women who came from every section of our land. In their service they knew no North, no South. As angels of mercy they came to care for and com-fort both blue and gray. They ministered to the needs of the suffering everywhere. On field or in hospital their sweet voices were heard, and their gentle touch was given to assuage sorrow and

Many of them were women of wealth, who left comfortable homes and worked without pay; nany even giving their own means to relieve the ufferings of the sick and wounded soldiers. Others, who received small payment for their services, parted with that scanty sum of money to purchase food and medicine for the soldier boys nder their charge. Many were broken down in health, and such, if living to-day, are among the sufferers from that The benefits of this bill apply only to such Army

than their own daily labor."

BUTLER, OF IOWA. Speaking for the bill, Hon. W. H. Butler, of Iowa, member of the Invalid Pension Committee, stated the claims of the Army Nurses as follows: Mr. Chairman, we have here a bill the merits of which will not be questioned, I believe, by anyone present. But even if the merits were to be quesioned, the fact that every single Army-Nurse bill that is presented here as a private bill at our Friday evening sessions goes through practically without objection is a sufficient argument, it seems to me, to quiet the mind of anybody as to the right or, at least, as to the wisdom of passing a general bill. It has often been suggested here on Friday nights that instead of having so many private pen sion bills for Army Nurses we ought to have in-stead one general bill. The committee has responded to that call and has presented a bill with this "retreat for the weary." very close restrictions. Every Army Nurse who claims a pension under this bill must have served six month in the actual care of the sick and wounded, not simply as an attache of the hospitals, but as one who actually cared for the sick and wounded at the bedside. Every claimant under this bill must also be now dependent upon her own personal labor for support, thus making a case of dependence. * * I wish to say, as showing the faithful work of these women, that after a was cared for without any distinction in that respect. These Nurses did not stop to question to keen. what army the soldier belonged. If there was a soldier sick or suffering the Nurse was there to

A SPLENDID OFFERING.

Speaking for the bill as reported and against proposed amendments, Chairman Martin said: Mr. Chairman, let me just add a word or two more in regard to the general features of this bill. This is a bill which it seems to me, if passed, will come as a splendid offering on the part of this Congress to women who did actually give brave and noble service in the nursing of the sick and wounded of both armies. They were women who took their lives in their hands when they entered the hospitals among the sick and the wounded just as much as did the men who placed their knapsacks upon their backs and took muskets in their hands. I ask most earnestly that you recommend

Just another word. This bill applies to a class of being expended by them each year for the purpose who gave this service, regardless of the army from which the soldiers came, are now helpless in their one which is justifiable in every point of view, to

Oates, of Alabama:

Mr. Chairman, when this bill came up, a few kind except a few special bills; and because it was out of the usual line of pension legislation, I felt disposed for the moment to oppose it; but a few moments' reflection have changed my view of this bill. In that conflict of arms which shook this continent, I was upon the other side; and I saw much of the suffering that resulted from gallant soldierly conduct upon the part of Southern men. I saw in hospitals, upon the Confederate side, de voted women as nurses; and I do know, sir, that no one rendered more efficient relief to the suffering than did those noble and devoted women. They soothed the soldiers' brows when burning with fever, who were racked with wounds received in conflict while standing gallantly in the front ranks, fighting for a cause that they believed was

In that conflict we lost, notwithstanding the un paralleled courage of our soldiers and the devotion of our Southern women to their cause, to our cause; notwithstanding they did everything in their power, even to surrendering their jewels. which were sold to promote that cause; and never in any instance did a Southern woman fail to extend help to a poor suffering soldier. Now, sir, if forms, we suggest that correspondence be had with we had won—if the Southern Confederacy had the Matron, soliciting information as to matters and been established-and those women, now in want, things needed to supply deficiencies. We would were to come before a Southern Congress and ask also recommend that each Corps of the Departfor the passage of such a bill as this, would I find ment send to the Home, express or freight prepaid, it in my heart to vote against it? No. I would through the Matron, Department Secretary or Convote for it, God bless them, for every one of them. mittee, as this Convention shall deem most fitting, [Loud applause,] And every man who fought on the other side feels or should feel the same kind of devotion to the Nurses of their sick and wounded, fruits, jeilles and other delicacles, such as homeand I respect them for it. And, sir, having this | makers seek to provide for their own tables on feeling, I am prepared to vote for this bill. [Loud

STANDING BY THE NURSES.

The opposition to the Army Nurse bill was led by Congressman Meredith, of Virginia, who opposed any general legislation for Army Nurses, and held that no woman who went out as an Army Nurse with unselfish metives would ask for a pension, and that those who went for pay were not entitled to any. His very bitter attack proved the popularity of the measure, and the rejoinder of Congressman Smith, of Illinois, was enthusiastically applauded. In reply to Mr. Meredith's remark that he stood by the people, Mr. Smith said: I will say to my friend from Virginia, that I regard it as a grander thing to stand up for a woman who is not entitled to vote and who cannot be heard in person on this floor. [Laughter and applause. They are the first at the cradle and the last at the grave. [Laughter and applause.] Woman was the mother of the Savior of the world and of the Father of our country. I desire to say here that I have no sympathy with any one, baldheaded or otherwise [great laughter and applauss], who can say anything detrimental to the ladies of the American people. [Laughter and applause.] For, Mr. Chairman, in our hearts' mirrors their faces shall ever be the fairest, and when they stand on the shady side of life's hill with the shadows of age thickening around them, with the bloom and blushes of youth remembered only as things of the past, with silvered threads amongst the locks which once were golden-hued, may hearts warm as those who wooed them in the summer of life, still gather around them and cheer their spirits as they take their flight to the embrace of those who, with shadowy hands, shall beckon them on to the future of their existence in the unseen world. Whenever my colleagues in this House may find it convenient or in accord with their feelings to say a word in detriment to the ladies and the mothers of the American people, they will always find me standing opposing such sentiments. [Laughter and ap-

I am in favor of the passage of this bill, strongly in favor of it. We have been pensioning individual Nurses of the late war, and I heard with pleasure the remarks of my colleague [Mr. Oates, of Alabama,] in patriotic and beautiful language, advocating the cause of the ladies who had rendered assistance to these who was the those who wore the gray and those who wore the blue. I am unable to understand as a man and as an American citizen how it is that any man, old or young, should oppose pensioning these brave and noble ladies who went out during the heat of battle and ministered to those who had been wounded during the late war, or who were suffering from sickness occasioned by their service. I shall give my vote for this bill, and not desiring to occupy the ttention of the House longer [Cries of "Go on!"] hope that it will pass without adding any more. and battlefields. Congressman Oates, an ex-Con-Laughter and applause.] federate soldier from Alabama, voiced the popu-

STATUS OF THE BILL. The Army Nurse bill is now in a position to pass both the House and Senate without further delay, and there is no doubt but that President Harrison will sign it and that the Nurses of this class will be pensioned before the 10th National Convention. A vast amount of work has been done for the Army Nurse bill by friends of the measure in and out of Congress, and by patriotic men of all parties, and the loyal women of America may well be proud of the recognition gained.

Past National President Annie Wittenmyer has steadily held the ground, and was an anxious listener during the spirited debate in the House. Her work for the bill, both by voice and pen, has been prodigious. In addition to her own pension work, she was specially delegated by Kate B. Sherwood, Chairman National Pension Committee, W.R.C., to represent the committee upon the return to Boston of the Secretary, Harriette L. Reed, whose personal services were most important. The correspondence of Secretary Reed, growin out of bill, has been very exacting of letters answered has been beyond computation, One of the pleasantest features of Army Nurse

the Woman's Relief Corps in the counsels of the Nation. Their work was commented upon with favor in the debates, aside from the prominence given them by the committee. Mesdames Wittenmyer and Reed both warmly commended the Committee on Invalid Pensions for courteous treatment and warm advocacy of the cause they represent.

THIS IS BUSINESS. Department President Rothrock, of Iowa, in General Orders, No. 3, promulgated the decisions of ninth Department Convention, some of which are of vital importance. There should be some reward for faithfulness in work and some penalty for laxity, and if Iowa secures prompter service from her officers by her careful planning, she legislates to some purpose. Following are among the

decisions: That any Corps President who has not forwarded her reports to Headquarters by the 10th of the month, after the close of the quarter, be suspended from office by the Department President, unless good reasons have been given for the delay. Notice to be given to the Senior Vice-President to act in her place.

That the Department present a ribbon badge to the members of each delegation at the next Department Convention, who have their reports at leadquarters by the 6th of the month, after the close of each quarter, and who have not dropped a member during the year.

That the incoming Department President district the State and arrange for District Conventions, giving full instructions as to procedure, and

having a general supervision of the same. plan has produced excellent results in other Departments. That all letters written to the Department offi cers contain the full name, office if any, Corps number, and in cities the street and number of the writer. If this were carefully observed it would Nurses as "are without other means of support save much inconvenience at Headquarters and in-

sure the safe arrival of mail. As we have heretofore recognized the Sons of Veterans and given to them our cordial support, that we extend to the Daughters of Veterans a hearty indorsement of the spirit and motives that prompted their organization, and bid them continue the good work so well commenced. That we solicit the co-operation of the public schools in developing principles of patriotism, and that a committee be appointed to devise suitable methods of procedure.

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND. General Orders, No. 2, of Department President Mary A. H. Cadden, of Maryland, is a model of brevity and interest. Headquarters of Maryland at 18th annual Convention will be established at 620 Pennsylvania svenue. All members of the Grand Army and Relief Corps are cordially invited to

The Department of Maryland last year secured 1,000 large size bunting flags for the decoration of graves at the National Cemetery on Memorial Day. It was the desire of the Department to complete the number this year by the purchase of 1,200 more. Their laudable effort was responded to most gen-erously by the following contributions: Department of Maryland, G.A.R., \$24; Wilson Post, 1, \$15; Dushane Post, 3, \$15; Custer Post, 6, \$10; Emory Post, 29, \$3; Commander Morrison, of Post 46, \$5. battle there was no question whether the sick or | Total, \$72. The uniform flagging of every grave wounded soldier wore the blue or the gray; he is thus made possible for the coming year, unless the sickle of the reaper Death be unusually

The Department will participate in the exercises at Mountain Lake Park, the "Mountain Chautaucare for him. This is a consideration which should | qua," Aug. 23, where Corporal Tanner will be one commend the bill to everyone of us who has a of the speakers. Three Corps are reported as newly organized. viz.: John A. Logan, Baltimore; New Shining Light, Tyaskin; G. K. Warren, Laurel.

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN. Past Department President Helen M. Puffer, of Monroe, Wis., remembers the editor with a copy of the Journal of Proceedings of Ninth Annual Convention, recording another year of good work by Wisconsin women for the Union soldier and his sacred cause.

The President's address notes the addition of 13 Corps to the roster in the year 1891-92, an increase of 428 in membership; or a jump from 3,580 to

4.008. The relief records shows 1,093 families assisted; cash spent in relief, \$3,532; relief other than money, \$2,886.43; turned over to Posts, \$1,012.17; total, \$7,430.17. Department relief additional to the amount of \$75 was expended and \$104.06 sent to the National Relief Corps Home, Madison, O. For the Wisconsin Soldiers' Home the Department expended \$153.34 for a nurse's salary, and \$311.85 to the chapel fund. The value of supplies contributed to the Home amounts to \$274.17, besides

704 yards of carpet for furnishing. WISCONSIN ARMY NURSES. Honorable mention is made of Army Nurses residing in the Department as follows: Sarah Pringle, Upon the conclusion of the remarks of Chairman Martin, the following kindly tribute was paid to the women of the battlefield by Hon. W. C.

Siding in the Department as tonows: Saran Fringie, No. 67, Beaver Dam; M. Imogene Green and Julietta Parker, No. 16, Milwaukee; Mary Featherstone, No. 90, Lime Ridge; Melvina J. Eashman, No. 104, Galesville; Mrs. Golden No. 79, Palmyra, No. 79 formerly of D. C.; Elizabeth Gordon, No. 33, Merrillan; Mrs. McKenna and Mrs. Palmerla, No. 78, Ashland; Mary G. Milligan, No. 86, Necedah; Eliza Howard, No. 20, Eau Clafre, Elizabeth Pearsall, No. 5, Elroy; Mrs. Guest, No. 117, Clinton June-

The reports of Soldiers' Home work are extremely interesting, particularly the following, made by the Visiting Committee, Lucinda C. Burchard and Libbie C. Barr. If we are mistaken in this conclusion, there is a

line of work in connection with the clothing of the inmates—especially for the women—not unworthy of consideration. If in addition to the clothing provided by the Home for those unable to supply themselves, there could be furnished articles or materials for trimming, adornment and change, their general appearance would be less suggestive of life in a public institution. We are proud of the fact that the Woman's Relief Corps of Wisconsin has already done much in the way of testifying its respect for and sympathy with the inmates of the Home, by generous contribu-tions along these lines, for their use and welfare. We earnestly recommend that these efforts be not only continued but redoubled; and to the end they may take on the most practical and beneficial such occasions, not forgetting to add, wherever it is possible, a little money to enable the Matron,

Department Secretary or Committee, as the case may be, to round out and complete the donations received in kind. We are persuaded that there are some Corps in the State who find very little pressing local demand for relief, and it is our opinion that if such Corps would once heartily undertake the work of regularly contributing to the pleasure and comfort of the porteges of the Grand Army of the Republic in the Wisconsin Veterans' Home, it would materially contribute to their own pros-perity and satisfaction; for it is evermore true that not only is it "more blessed to give than to re-ceive," but there is a withholding that "tendeth to poverty.

THANKS FROM THE GRAND ARMY. The following resolutions passed by the Grand Army Encampment were received and read in

WHEREAS, The twenty-sixth Department Encampment of the G. A. R. for Wisconsin, recogniz-ing the efficient and substantial aid given by the Voman's Relief Corps of Wisconsin in the presenation of a Chapel at the Wisconsin Veterans' Home, carpeting the Old Ladies' Hall, and other aid rendered by them in the charitable work of our

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be extended to them for their efficient aid, and a ope that their work will be a source of as much To the best-drilled company a grand prize of \$1,000 will be given. To the second best-drilled company leasure to them as it has been a comfort to our comrades and their dependent ones, for whom we \$300 will be given. To the third best-drilled company \$200 will be given.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

After Gen. C. L. Young. Superintendent of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, had applied in vain for a set of the Official Records of the Rebelion to various officials, the Home was visited by Hon. John M. Langston, M. C., of Virginia, who became aware of the want, and supplied a set to the Home Library. It will interest Mr. Langston to know that the industrial instructors of the Home have made a beautiful case for this valuable work of native Southern pine (polished), in which his gift is kept. It is known as the Langston Case. The number of newspaper editors multiplies in W. R. C. Conventions. Tenth National Convention will be presided over by an editor, Sue Pike Sanders; and Past National Presidents Kate B. Sherwood and Annie Wittemeyer, and Mary A. Logan, wife of our great Commander-in-Chief, Gen. John A. Logan, are all editors in active work. Now comes Michigan, headed by Department President Terry, a newspaper woman; and Iowa, with Nannie B. Howe, of the Advocate, delegateat-large. Who comes next?

The Department of Iowa reports the organization of Park Dows Corps, 256, Garner, and E. D.

Baker Corps, 257, Storm Lake. There are 232 Posts in the Department that have no Corps.

Department President Ida S. McBride, of Indiana, announced in General Order No. 2 the reappoint. ment of Eliza J. Crisler as Department Correspond ing Secretary. She handles a ready pen, and THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE may expect Indiana news well Department President Lizzie R. Herrick calls

ipon the Corps of the Department of Washington and Alaska to contribute to the Soldiers' Home piano fund. Seventh Department Convention appropriated \$20 to this purpose as a nucleus.

The Relief Corps of Sedalia, Mo., unvailed a tall and beautiful shaft, dedicated to the memory of the unknown dead, on Memorial Day, which they presented to the city. Here is a hint to Corps that have "nothing to do." Department President Ida Wilson, Abilene, Kan., reports in General Order No. 4 the institution of Relief Corps at Robinson, Cayville, Industry, Macksville, Genda Springs, Gaylord, Lebanon, Gardner, Whitewater, and Iuka; aggregate charter membership, 184. Hurrah for the Sunflower State and the boys who made it.

State and the boys who made it! Department President Moore thanks the Kansas Relief Corps of the State for so promply extending aid to the cyclone sufferers. As usual the W.R.C. vere among the first in the field.

REUNIONS.

at New Haven July 16.

MASSACHUSETTS.

3, 4, 5 and 6.

NEW YORK.

at Bath Aug. 26.

128th Ind. at Valparaiso Sept. 28, 29.

Courthouse, Indianapolis, Sept. 21.

L. H. Marshall, Akron: Reunion 54th Ind.

Nelson H. DeLane, North Brookfield : A Reunion

of Co. I, 24th Mass., was held at Comrade DeLane's cottage, June 30. As nearly 30 years have elapsed

since they bivouacked on Virginia soil, or on the plains of Florida, it can hardly be imagined

how heartily were the greetings of the old vet-

erans as they grasped each other'ss hand. The

morning hours were spent in general conversation

and in fighting the battles over and renewing ac-

quaintances. After dinner came the election of officers, which was as follows: President, Capt.

Emory; Vice-President, Chas. B. Carpenter; Secretary, Elbridge Howe; Treasurer, N. H. DeLane.

It was voted to hold the next Reunion at the same

Martin Ficken, Secretary, 138 Van Buren street

Brooklyn: Reunion Veteran Association 6th N. Y.

Van Olinda Gordon, Secretary, Cohoes: Reunion

22d N. Y. at Saratoga Aug. 11.

If Charles A. Knox, Co.'s K and D, 6th N. Y.

H. A., will address J. C. Hodges, Waverly, Iowa,

he may hear something about the Reunion of his

Harry E. Butler, Avoca: Reunion 189th N. Y.

L. H. Fassett, President, Franklin, Pa.: A Re-

union 64th N. Y. was held at Salamanca June 29

and 30. A very enthusiastic and entertaining

Campfire was held on the evening of the 29th. At

the close of the ceremonies a business meeting was held at which the following officers were elected: Pres., Col. L. H. Fassett, Franklin, Pa.: Sec. and Treas., Capt. J. M. Petitt, Fredonia, N. Y.

J. Holbrook, Secretary. Lebanon: Reunion "Old Kanawha" Division at Piqua May 13.

Dr. James E. Shellenberger, Secretary, Piqua:

Frank M. Allen, Secretary, Washington Court-

M. A. Sweetman, Secretary, Circleville : Reunion

Philip Livingston, Richwood: Reunion 121st

T. B. Hamilton, Secretary, Fernglen: Reunion 79th Pa. at Glen Manor July 27 and 28.

George Edward Allen, Secretary, Newport: Re-union 1st R. I. and 1st Battery R. I. Detached Mili-

tia Veteran Association, Westerly, July 31, rain or

C. M. Russell, Wilmington: Reunion 16th Vt. at

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whether he's hidin' from me. Wish I did."

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[Utica Observer.]

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The native had eyed him for some time, and

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Even the best actors are stumped sometimes.

[Street & Smith's Good News.]

Small Boy-Did you see a little boy 'bout

house: Reunion 44th Ohio and 8th Ohio Cav. at

Reunion 94th Ohio at Cedarville Aug. 4.

144th Ohio, Circleville, Aug. 24 and 25.

Washington Courthouse Aug. 4.

battlefield of Gettysburg Sept. 23,

my size around the corner?

"Did he look ugly?"

"Did he look scared?"

"I don't know. Why?"

"I didn't notice."

finally said:

right here."

"Yes, a little."

But he couldn't.

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Ohio, Richwood, Aug. 18.

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RHODE ISLAND.

VERMONT.

place and on same date next year.

Cav. at Washington Sept. 20.

Annual Meetings and Other Matters Pertaining to Various Organizations

Monday, Aug. 8.-Morning, session of the Council-in-Chief. Afternoon, public reception at the Auditorium; first session of the Commandery-in-[THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE wants the addresses of pension legislation has been the prominence given all Regimental Secretaries for 1892, '93. Reunion Chief. Evening, ladies reception at Hotel Broadnotices should be sent in early, and will be pubwater. Tuesday, Aug. 9.—Morning, session of the Com-mandery-in-Chief. Evening, session of the Comlished once in this column.] CONNECTICUT. dery-in-Chief. Evening, grand Campfire at Audi-Thomas S. Collier, Secretary, New London: Re

union Naval Veteran Association of Connecticut Wednesday, Aug. 10.-Morning, session of the Commandery-in-Chief. Afternoon, grand parade of S. of V., assisted by National Guard of Mon-A. H. Harlan, Secretary, New Burlington: Reunion Harlan family, Richmond, Aug. 17. tana and civic societies. Evening, military band concert at Hotel Broadwater. Thursday, Aug. 11.-Sessions of the Command-H. E. Butty, Secretary, Galveston: Reunior

ery-in-Chief. Friday, Aug. 12.-Afternoon, competitive military drill for \$1,500 in cash prizes at the State Fair grounds. Evening, reception and grand military ball at the Auditorium. W. J. Woods, Secretary, Corbin: Reunion Chi-Saturday, Aug. 13.-Excursions to various points kaskia Veteran Association, Dayton's Grove. Aug. of interest.

Elections of Officers, etc.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

Preparations for the National Encampment

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

Circular Letter, No. 4.

Montana, Aug. 8 to 13, 1892.

-Helena's Welcome.

Eleventh annual National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to be held at Helena,

A special feature of the Encampment will be a

Grand Prize Drill contest, open to all uniformed

and armed Camps of the Order; \$1,500 in prizes.

If more than five companies compete, valuable prizes will be offered by the citizens of Helena.

The same rules will govern the drill that were in orce at the 10th annual Encampment at Minneapo-

s, except that all companies will drill according

visit us, and assure you of a hearty welcome.

The citizens of Helena have responded most liberally to our efforts to provide for your entertain-

ment. An auditorium, with a seating capacity of 2,200, has been erected and furnished, at a cost of

\$50,000 to meet the needs of a hall suitable for large

A trip to our City will give the opportunity of a lifetime to see the grandeur of the scenery of the Rocky Mountains, and to visit Nature's wonder-

A chance will be afforded to visit the great gold

and silver mines of the State, and to witness the processes of extracting precious metals from the lepths of the earth and their treatment in the mills

Our city and vicinity abounds in other attrac-

largest in the world)—a vast pool of warm and healing mineral waters, in area 350 by 150 feet; the

the mining of gold from placers by hydraulic

The railroads of the United States have uniform

ly agreed upon a rate of one fare for the round trip, allowing the holder of S. of V. tickets 20 days

Hoping you may make it convenient to attend

Fraternally yours, WILLIAM S. VOTAW.

PROGRAM.

By order of the Executive Committee.

and anticipating the pleasure of meeting you all.

ing and 20 days returning, with a total limit of

HELENA, MONTANA, June 29, 1892.

the new U. S. Army regulations.

lont., Chairman Committee on Drill.

To the Members of the Sons of Veterans

npment was awarded to Helena.

and-the Yellowstone National Park.

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Drocess.

70 days.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., 40 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

Monday, Aug. 15.-Commander-in-Chief and party will leave for the Yellowstone National Park. Parties desiring accommodations reserved should notify Charles R. Sanders, Helena, Mont., Chairman of Hotel Committee, specifying the rate they

desire to pay, and whether on the American or By order of BARTOW S. WEERS, Commander-in-Official: RAPHAEL TOBIAS, Adjutant-General.

FROM THE BADGER STATE. Most Successful Division Encampment at . Oshkosh.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: The ninth annual Encampment, held at Oshkosh, proved to be one of the most successful in the history of the Badger Division. The hosts, Old Abe Camp, 80, entertained the visiting brothers most royally. A steamboat ex-cursion on Lake Winnebago and Fox River was enjoyed by all, the L.A.S. presenting each brother with a button-hole bouquet of beautiful flowers.

In the evening of the second day a grand rally was held in the City Hall, where speeches were made by prominent G.A.R. men and S. of V.'s, in-cluding Commander-in-Chief Bartow S. Weeks, Col. George W. Wing, Commander W. J. Patton,

In the afternoon of the 23d about 250 Sons fell in line of the parade through the principal streets of the city and were joined by 100 old veterans of the 32d Wis., who reuned in the city that day.

The following officers were elected: Com., R. L. McCormick, Hayward; S. V. C., M. C. Phillips, Oshkosh; J. V. C., F. S. Stone, Ashland, Division Council, F. L. Jacobs, Neenah; W. C. Winter, La Crosse; L. O. Chase, Oshkosh; Delegate-at-Large, E. W. Krackowizer, Milwaukee; Division Dele-gate, John L. Jung, LaCrosse; Alternates, Clar-

ence B. Cone, Sheboygan; Charles Meyer, Ke-The next Encampment will he held at Ashland. The L.A.S. of the Provisional Division of Wisconsin also met at the same time for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization of this Divis-ion, and the following officers were elected: Pres., Miss Lettie O'Neil, Sheboygan; V.-P., Cora Lan-sing, Neenah. Division Council, Libbie Metcalf, La Crosse; Mrs. Gus. Geisler, Sheboygan; Rilla Brown, Neenah; Chap., Mrs. Hart, Menasha; Sec., Amanda Beckel, Sheboygan; Installing Officer, Miss Elliott, Almapee; Inspector, Miss Hattie Robinson, Sheboygan; Judge-Advocate, W. C. Winter, La Crosse.

Hoping the substance of the above will appear

H. J. BUCHEN. very loyally, Cascade, Wis.

in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE columns, I am yours,

THE DIVISIONS.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE. James A. Garfield Camp, 5, Elverton-Com., A. D. Peters; S. V. C., M. A. May; J. V. C., E. C. Phillips; Chap., M. F. McCartt; First Serg't, W. T. Rose; Q. M. S., B. J. Hendrickson; S. of G., J. will furnish you with 100, having a fine picture M. Letsinger; C. of G., Elias May; C. S., W. M. Mead; Principal Musician, W. J. Letsinger; P. G., J. H. Rose.

The Sons of McHenry County held their first picnic July 4, at Marengo, and treated the public to the novel and enlivening scenes of a military celebration. Camps from the surrounding towns were present, and in the afternoon there was a grand parade of visiting camps, and the 1st Reg. Inf., S. of V. G., 300 strong, led by the noted 1st Reg. Drum Corps, of Chicago. Competitive drill took was regarded as simply performing fatigue duty. "Why, I heard he was around there, and I place in the morning; basket dinner in the park at 12 o'clock; patriotic addresses and other exercises in the park at 2 o'clock, p. m.; base-ball game don't know whether he wants to lick me or at 3 o'clock; and in the evening a magnificent dis-

play of fireworks. IOWA. The following Camps have been reinstated since the Waterloo Encampment, and will be in touch with the Division hereafter: 32, Ottumwa; 87, Lake City; 126, Mediapolis; 154, Avery; 162, Harian; 165, Vernon; 180, Rock Rapids; 200, Fruitland; 237, Clear Lake; 244, Menlo; 263, Portsmouth; 267, Peoria.

Charters have been approved for the following

new Camps: 277, Ocheyedan; 278, Adair; 279, Eagle Grove. Camp No. 277, Ocheyedan, has been mustered by Maj. G. Lee Smith. All brothers who desire a copy of the proceed-ings of the Minneapolis National Encampment can have same by sending Headquarters eight cents in

stamps.

The following additional appointments are made on the staff of the Commander: Chaplain, Rev. W. H. Willard Jones, Anamosa; Mustering Officer, Will B. Jenkins, Sac City. MASSACHUSETTS. Division Commander Walter H. Delano was

tendered a complimentary banquet at the Crawford House. Boston, on the evening of June 30, in honor of his recent election to the command of the Division, nearly every Camp in the State being represented in the assemblage. The earlier hours of the evening were devoted to the enjoyment of an interchange of sociability and the renewing of pleasant acquaintances.

Commander Delano also held an informal reception in one of the large parlors of the hotel, and

were present to wish him Godspeed in his administration during the coming year.

After handshaking and congratulations had been indulged in for a considerable length of time, the order was given to "Fall in!" and the march gan toward the banquet hall, where Landlord Goodwin had prepared a sumptuous repast for those present. After the cravings of the inner man had been

satisfied the company adjourned to the parlors where the postprandial exercises were held. Division Surgeon James T. Wellington officiated as Toastmaster in an acceptable and graceful man-ner, and introduced the following prominent broththe occasion : Division Commander Delano, Senior | TRIBUNE'S portrait-card advertisement : Vice Division Commander Albert C. Blaisdell, ex-Inspector Chas. D. Rooney, Past Col. W. A. Ste-

vens, Division Chaplain D. Murray Travis, Mustering Officer E. B. Estes, Division Inspector Chas. F. Cook, Past Lieut.-Col. W. R. Davis, Past Chief Mustering Officer Geo, W. Penniman, Division Adjutant H. F. Williamson, Division Quartermaster VETERANS. G. S. Wentworth, ex-Division Mustering Officer Fred E. Bolton, Commanders E. L. Payne, W. H. Lyons, G. F. James, W. G. Moseley, W. C. Free-News from the Various Divisions.

man, W. B. Gould, jr., and others.
In the course of his remarks Brother Penniman in a happy manner alluded to the faithful service rendered to the Order of Sons of Veterans during an eight years' connection with the Order, and on behalf of the Massachusetts Division presented Lieut. G. Henry Powell, of Canton, with a handsome gold etched sword and a gold-lace beit, in recognition of the good work performed in the past by this faithful and painstaking brother. Brother Powell accepted the beautiful gift in a feeling manner, and in doing so he assured those present that it should always be his aim to the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., second to none (save the G.A.R.) in the history of the world, After singing the Sons of Veterans Closing Ode the company dispersed to their homes, thus

bringing to a close one of the pleasantest occa-sions within the history of the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Charles C. Clark Camp, 69, of Pembroke, held s plenie and Campfire in Liberty Grove July 4, afternoon and evening. Division Commander Delano, Senior Vice Division Commander A. C. Blaisdell and other prominent members of the Order were

A new Camp will soon be organized in South Braintree. Camps are in progress of formation at Lynn, Belchertown, Blackstone, Cohasset, and Cottage

MINNESOTA. Note.—Any Camp desirous of competing should correspond at once with Col. A. E. Veazie, Helena, The eighth annual Encampment just closed at Worthington was the most successful and harmonious ever held in the Division. Recommendations there adopted will be sent to the Command-ery-in-Chief, which, if adopted by that body, will give the Order a great impetus and Minnesota Di-vision renewed courage. The Division during the past year made great progress numerically and of the United States of America.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At the tenth annual National Encampment of our Order, held in Minfinancially. Each Camp officer should determine to leave his Camp in a better condition than he found it. Assure them of this and your Division neapolis in 1891, the high and distinguished honor f entertaining the eleventh annual National En-We therefore take great pleasure in extending to you and your friends a most cordial invitation to officers will spare no effort on their part to make

this a banner year. The following are the Division officers for the ne following are the Division officers for the ensuing year: Com., Francis G. Drew, Camp 4, Minneapolis; S. V. C., C. E. Bosse, 28, Windom; J. V. C., E. F. Heller, 7, Duluth. Council, George F. Whitcomb, 50, Alexandria; C. O. Nicholson, 77, Madelia; F. L. Hart, 70, Winnebago City. Representatives, George H. Klein, 61, Mankato, Delegate-at-Large; William G. Young, 53, Montrose, Alternate-at-Large; B. S. Sheire, I, St. Paul, Delegate; Rev. Charles McColley, 70, Winnebago City, Delegate; C. J. Roy, 88, Le Roy, Alternate; A. B. Goodwin, 70, Winnebago City, Alternate. Goodwin, 70, Winnebago City, Alternate, Alexandria was selected as the place for hold-ng the ninth annual Division Encampment.

The following staff appointments are announced:
Surg., J. N. Mallory, Camp 21, Marshall; Chap.,
Charles McColley, 70, Winnebago City; Adj't, H.
A. Kohlstedt, 4, Minneapolis; Q. M., W. T. Small,
4, Minneapolis; Ins., William G. Young, 53, Montrose; Mustering Officer, George H. Klein, 61, Mankato; Judge-Advocate, C. J. Roy, 88, Le Roy; S.
M., W. I. Nolan, 4, Minneapolis; Q. M. S., T. S.
Ingersoll, 4, Minneapolis. ions, such as the Broadwater Natatorium (the Gates of the Mountains—a pass in the Rockies through which flows the mighty Missouri; the Gem Fields, where rubies, sapphires, and other precious stones are found in large quantities; and

NEW HAMPSHIRE. Officers of the Division for 1892: Com., Frank C. Smith, Room II, Whipple Block, Lebanon; S.V. C., W. S. Tarbell, South Lyndeboro; J. V. C., D. H. Maelin, Plymouth, Council, W. S. Willey, Great Falls; W. E. Caffrey, Nashua; W. F. West, Manchester. Delegate-at-Large, Cyrus H. Little, Man-chester: Alternate-at-Large, John W. Dufney, Great Falls; Delegate, Walter S. Tarbell, South Lynde-boro; Alternate, Levi F. Felker, Dover. Nashua was selected as the place for holding the 11th annual Encampment of the Division, on the first Tuesday and Wednesday in June, 1893. The following staff officers have been appointed: Surg., W. E. Schreiter, Portsmouth; Chap., John A. Bowler, Great Falls; Adj't, Arthur N. Dewey, Lebanon; Q. M., Ned C. Buck, Lebanon; Inspec-tor, Cyrus H. Little, Manchester; M. O., A. C.

S. M., H. W. Carlisle, Lebanon; Q. M. S., C. S. Cowen, Lebanon. The new Commander requests officers of the Division and Camps and all brothers to write him often. He wishes to hear from them in regard to Division and Camp work and interests; to learn of Camp news; to have themselves mentioned. It is his desire to establish that brotherly fee tween himself and the members of the Division which will enable both to do their best work. Let

George, Bennington; J. A., Burt E. Fisher, Dover;

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE hear from them too. Brother Leonard Fiske, of Camp 19, Burlington, has been relieved as Quartermaster of the Division, and will turn over all property and funds pertain ing to the same to Brother George S. Cahill, of the same Camp, who is appointed Quartermaster of the Division. All money orders, checks, or drafts should be made payable to George S. Cahill, Burlington, Vt., and all letters for the Quartermaster

should be addressed to him. OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Replies to Questions on a Variety of Interesting Subjects. To Correspondents.—Write questions on a separate sheet of paper, give full name and address, and mark it "Correspondents' Column." Noattention will be paid to communications that are not accompanied with full name and address of writer.
Our readers are requested to inclose a stamp for reply to their inquiries. Postal cards will be replied to by mail only. Replies by mail will ordi-

narily be made within a week, and if in this col-F. N. C., Reuben, Ore. - A soldier made a will in which he left some property to the children of his first wife, but failed to mention his children by his second wife. Is such will legal? Answer. Yes. Whether or not in a suit at law undue influence or some similar objection could be established and the will be declared void, depends wholly upon the particular circumstances of the case.

D. M. C., Ben Wade, Kan .- A man born in the State of New York married and moved to Canada, where he lived 18 years, voting at nearly every election. He then returned to the United States, bringing with him four sons born in Canada. Are these sons citizens of the United States, and legally competent to vote, without taking out naturalization papers? Answer. The man referred to could not vote in Canadian elections without becoming a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, and, consequently, ceasing to be a United States citizen. Therefore, as the children were born in British territory, their parents being subjects o Great Britain, they are not citizens of the United States, and cannot vote without taking out naturalization papers. Had their father remained an American citizen while living in Canada, it would have been different; for then the fact that they were born abroad would not have debarred them from American citizenship on their removal to this

W. McA., Kansas, Ill.-I see by the papers that some men served five years during the war of the rebellion. Please give the official dates of the beginning and close of the war. Answer. The war began, for pensionable purposes, March 4, 1861, and ended Aug. 20, 1866, the date of President Johnson's proclamation that peace was restored. Subscriber, West Sumner, Me.-A dependent mother is drawing a pension on her son, who died in the late war. She has no property and is wholly dependent upon her pension for her support When she dies will the Government pay her burial expenses; and if so, how much will they allow? Answer. The Government will not pay the burial expenses of the pensioner referred to, but if she should die leaving some pension due her, the person who bore the expenses of her last sickness and burial could be reimbursed to the extent of the accrued pension due, providing the pensioner should not have sufficient assets to meet such ex-penses. Application should be made to the Hon. Third Auditor of the Treasury, this city. F. H. W .- You are not entitled to pension under the new law, having received a dishonorable discharge from your last service, and unless you can prove the origin of your disability in the line of

duty in the service, your claim under the general law cannot be allowed. E. J. F., Cahuilla, Cal.-Is a private who was detailed as nurse in a hospital entitled to extra pay? Answer. He might be for a period prior to March 3, 1863, provided he was detailed; but if he was and was not entitled to extra pay.

T. C., Columbus, O.-1. In 1884, a pensioner received \$12 per month on chronic diarrhea and piles, disease of mouth and loss of teeth, the result of scurvy. In 1889 he applied for increase and rerating of pension, alleging increase of disabilities and inability to perform manual labor. He fur-nished strong and valid affidavits from three physicians and two neighbors, stating that he was totally disabled and unfit to perform any manual labor. He was examined by the Board of Surgeons and received a new pension certificate, which reads as follows: "This pension being for chronic diarrhes and resulting heart disease and piles, and disease of mouth and loss of teeth, result of scurvy." He received an increase to \$24 per month, but nothing was said in regard to rerating. Does he have to accept this as final? If not, what is the proper course far him to pursue in order to receive a re-rating and an increase of his pension to a second-grade rate? 2. Can a pensioner receiving \$24 per month get an allowance on an additional dis ability, contracted in the army and in the line of duty? 3. If a pensioner owns a small house and lot, and is drawing a pension of \$30 per month for total inability to perform manual labor, would the fact that at odd times, in order to keep his place in repair, he did such little jobs as painting his fence or hanging a gate, or building his coal-house, etc., debar him from receiving this pension or any part thereof? Answer. 1. The rerating part of his claim will not be acted on. The Department uniformly refuses to consider such claims; but if the pensioner thinks he is entitled to a higher rate than \$24, he can either refuse to accept said rate, and furnish testimony showing his total inability to perform manual labor, and request a reconsideration, with a view to securing a reissue, allowing him \$30 per month, or he can wait a short while and file another application for increase. 2. Not unless he is totally unable to per-form manual labor by reason of disabilities due to grasped the hand of many of the brothers who service. 3. If the pensioner is really disabled to the extent claimed he need have nothing to fear, as the odd jobs mentioned will not debar him from receiving any part of his pension. His perform-ance of the work mentioned, if only at long inter-

vals and in a careful manner, does not necessarily indicate that he is not totally unable to perform manual labor. Every comrade wants his portrait on his card, that his friends and comrades may have ers of the Order, who made remarks pertinent to it as a memento of him. See NATIONAL